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= Abstract =

Ratio of Kidney Weight to Recipient Weight Correlates with the 3-Year Graft Function

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Reduced renal mass, increased recipient body size, and their mismatching are the potential risk factor to explain the non-immunologic graft dysfunction. Present study was designed to assess the effect of mismatch between donor kidney weight (KW) and recipient body weight (BW) on the 3-year graft function in live donor renal transplantation (TX) patients (pts) who were operated before Nov. 1995 under cyclosporine. To remove immunologic injuries and effect of glomerulonephritis (GN), the pts experiencing episode of acute rejection or showing post-TX biopsy-proven GNs were excluded. A total of 82 pts cohort was identified and followed up till Nov. 1998. The donor KW after cold flushing, BW of recipient at TX, and renal parameters at 3-year post-TX such as serum creatinine (Scr), creatinine clearance ratio (CCR) and 24-hour urinary excretion of protein (24UP) were recorded. First, any correlation between the index value of the KW/BW ratio and each parameters was studied by the regression analysis, and secondly, the pts were stratified into 3 groups by the KW/BW ratio (≤ 3.5 , > 3.5 ≤ 4.0 , > 4.0) and compared with each parameters by ANOVA test. Scr, CCR, and 24 UP was well correlated with the ratio KW/BW ($p < 0.01$, respectively). The pts with high ratio (> 4.0) have significantly lower Scr, higher CCR and lower 24 UP compared with pts showing medium or low ratio. In conclusion, the mismatch between the donor KW and recipient BW has a substantial effect on the medium term graft function. Since estimating the kidney volume by CT scan or ex vivo after bench surgery is simple and easily applicable in clinical practice, KW/BW ratio is to be considered for the selection or allocation of potential donor in both cadaveric and living donor TX programs.

Key Words: Kidney transplantation, non-immunologic risk factor, Functional renal mass

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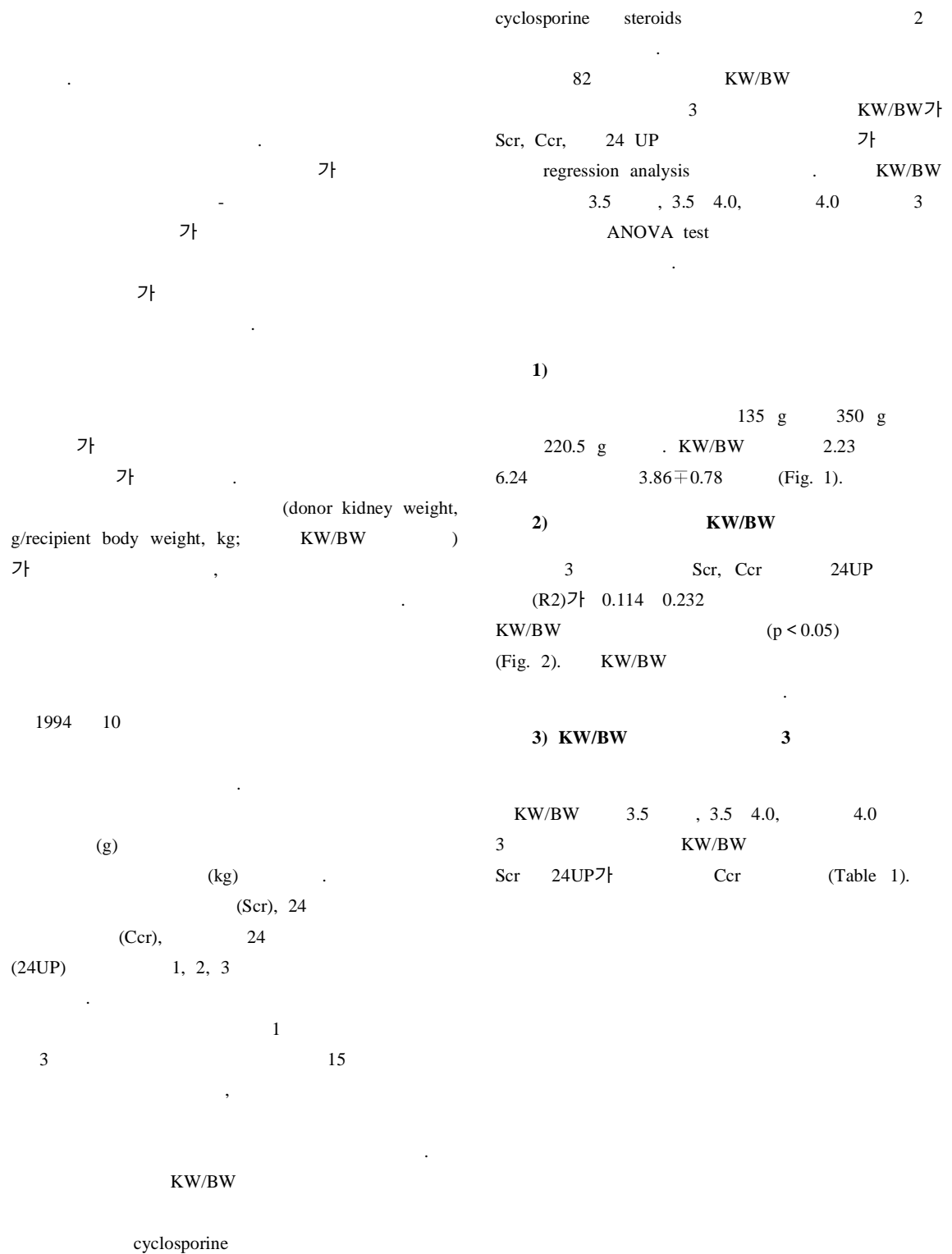


Fig. 1. Distribution of KW/BW.

Fig. 2. Regression analyses between KW/BW and Scr, Ccr, and 24UP.**Table 1.** Scr, Ccr, and 24 UP according to KW/BW

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Mean age of donor (years)	39.3 \pm 11.8	38.3 \pm 12.3	36.8 \pm 9.6	0.715
Degree of HLA matching	3.9 \pm 1.6	4.0 \pm 1.5	3.2 \pm 1.4	0.098
Scr (mg/dl)	1.2 \pm 0.2	1.2 \pm 0.3	1.1 \pm 0.3	0.03
Ccr (ml/min/BSA)	68 \pm 22	78 \pm 21	95 \pm 26	<0.01
24 UP (g/day)	1.07 \pm 0.7	0.71 \pm 0.8	0.03 \pm 0.4	<0.01

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